

## STONY POINT TOWN BOARD MEETING – APRIL 9, 2013

The Town Board of the Town of Stony Point convened in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Stony Point Community Center (Rho Building), 5 Clubhouse Lane, Stony Point, NY. Supervisor Geoffrey Finn called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Town Clerk Joan Skinner called the following roll:

PRESENT:	Mr. Karl Javenes	Councilman
	Mr. James McDonnell	Councilman
	Mr. James White	Councilman
	Ms. Luanne Konopko	Councilwoman
	Mr. Geoffrey Finn	Supervisor

ABSENT: None

### PUBLIC INPUT

George Potanovic – Old Gate Hill Rd. and President of Stony Point Action Committee for the Environment spoke regarding:

- United Water's proposed desal plant in the Town of Haverstraw and its affect on the towns and Rockland County as a whole.
- Debate scheduled for candidates for Rockland County Executive candidates on April 18<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the Rockland County Water Collation.

Susan Filgueras – Mott Farm Rd. spoke regarding:

- Stony Point Library's Iona Island hike on April 18<sup>th</sup>
- Champlain Hudson Power Express
- CSX Track Upgrade Proposal
- United Water's proposed desal plant
- Spectra/Algonquin's proposed Incremental Market Project

Catherine Redman spoke regarding CSX's proposed second track and the right to access to the Hudson River.

Assemblyman James Skoufis spoke regarding:

- A 27% increase in state CHIPS funds for highway maintenance for the Town of Stony Point
- A \$12,000+ state grant for equipment and maintenance for the Stony Point Police Department
- A \$12,000 state grant for the Stony Point Fire Department for a new rescue boat
- Urged those affected by Hurricane Sandy to go to the New York State website at [nysandyhelp.ny.gov](http://nysandyhelp.ny.gov) to register for a new program
  - The State worked to secure Congressional approval of additional federal aid to meet the substantial need. The program is subject to federal approval. The State of New York, local governments and its partners are now accepting registrations for housing and small business assistance for residents located in disaster-declared counties. These registrations will be used to determine potential program eligibility for each registrant. Following registration, a member of the NYS Sandy Help Team will contact the registrants to review eligibility and assist in the application process.

### PURCHASE ORDER REQUESTS

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman McDonnell and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present to approve the following four purchase orders as presented:

Day Camp		
PO#2479	Hollywood Screen Printing	\$1,662.50

Highway			
	PO#2488	Schultz Ford	\$1,310.54
	PO#2490	Chemung Supply	\$13,224.60
Sewer			
	PO#2451	Clean Waters Inc.	\$1,594.00

**AUDIT OF BILLS**

Joan Skinner, Town Clerk, presented the following bills to the Town Board for audit and a motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman McDonnell and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present to approve the bills as presented for payment.

**Contractual General – March**

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CLAIM #</u>	<u>BILL TOTAL</u>	<u>FUND TOTAL</u>
General	358-396	\$ 82,534.31	\$ 82,534.31
Highway	128-133	\$ 3,472.95	\$ 3,472.95
Sewer	95-105	\$ 17,590.80	\$ 17,590.80
<u>Special Districts</u>			
Enterprise	87-102	\$ 83,180.01	\$ 83,180.01
Street Lighting	5-5	\$ 22,683.25	\$ 22,683.25
<b><u>General – April</u></b>			
General	397-463		\$ 91,917.63
Highway	134-159		\$ 18,739.94
Sewer	106-123		\$ 73,137.26
<u>Special Districts</u>			
Enterprise Fund	103-127		\$ 73,748.05

**MINUTES** - None

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT/BUSINESS**

Chief Moore presented the following report:

Police Department Report for the Month of March, 2013

Number of calls for service:	637
Number of reported accidents:	23
Number of arrests:	52
Fuel usage:	1368.9 gallons
Sum total of all traffic enforcement action:	146
Number of Youth Officer sponsored events:	8
Number of child safety seat installations:	10
Number of commercial vehicle enforcement details:	0
Number of traffic enforcement details:	3
Stop DWI, Underage Drinking	
Number of training hours:	336:00hrs
Total fees collected:	\$134.50
	(\$4.50 for FOIL; \$100.00 for prints; \$30.00 for reports)

Miscellaneous:

Youth sponsored events: 4 Youth Court Training Sessions, 2 Explorer Post Advisor Meetings, 1 PAL Meeting, PAL/Youth Bureau Information Table @ Town Spring Boutique & conducted regular checks of schools.

Chief Moore addressed the board regarding the following matters:

- **CHIEF MOORE’S TIME RECORD**  
A motion was made by Councilman McDonnell, seconded by Councilman Javenes and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present to approve Chief Moore’s time record for the month of March 2013 as presented.
- **OVERTIME & SICK LEAVE REPORTS**

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman McDonnell and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present to approve the overtime and sick leave reports as presented for the month of March 2013.

• **APPOINT PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER**

A motion was made by Councilman McDonnell, seconded by Councilwoman Konopko and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present to appoint George B. Thamsen as a part-time police officer for the Town of Stony Point.

• **BYRNE GRANT FUNDING**

Chief Moore thanked Assemblyman Skoufis for his efforts in obtaining funding through this grant in the amount of \$12,231 for new equipment and maintenance contracts for the police department.

• **GRAND FONDO BIKE RACE UPDATE**

Chief Moore advised that funding in the amount of \$6,058.58 has been received for the police traffic detail for this race and that the race itself will utilize Route 9W and not the Palisades Interstate Parkway.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Councilwoman Konopko reported:

- Filming being conducted at Kirkbride Hall today
- Film Commission meeting on 4/20 to finalize website and publicity efforts
- Beautification project at Exit 14 of the PIP is nearly complete
  - Will be looking for sponsors for Exit 15
- Flow Chart changes are going to building inspector for review

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Supervisor Finn presented the following plaques:

- To Erin Feuster and Peter Cavo for their efforts in Shoprite's Fight Against Hunger Program.
- To Michael Palmer for twenty-five years of service with the Town of Stony Point.

**GOLF COURSE REPORT**

Dave Fusco Director of Golf presented, the following report for March, 2013:

• Green Fees	\$	15,395.88
• ID Cards	\$	3,300.00
• Memberships	\$	29,400.00
• Merchandise	\$	1,553.00
• Range Fees	\$	1,835.00
• Club Rental	\$	0.00
• Misc. Golf	\$	0.00
• Total	\$	51,483.88

**AMBULANCE REPORT**

Shelly Engelman presented the Board with the following report:

**STONY POINT AMBULANCE CORPS**  
**CALL STATISTICS**

The following is a breakdown for the Month of March, 2013:

Total recorded request for service:	103
Mutual Aid Responded	27
Required Mutual Aid	80
	23

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT** - None

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Joan Skinner Town Clerk offered the following reports for the record:

**Architectural Review Board**

From:	03/01/2013	To:	03/31/2013
Applications Received	0		
Applications Approved	0		
Applications Pending	1		
Fees Collected:	\$ 100.00		
Money in Lieu of Land	\$ 0.00		

**Building & Zoning Department**

March

Applications Received	20
Applications Returned/Withdrawn	0
Applications Denied	0
Building & Blasting Permits Issued	14
Applications Pending	20
Certificate of Occupancy	9
Certificate of Compliance	5
Fees Collected	\$16,215.00

**Dog Control Officer**

March

Dogs seized and sheltered	1
Dogs returned to owner	1
Number of complaints received	5
Miles traveled patrolling the Town and transporting dogs	629

**Fire Inspector**

March

	Month	Total
Inspections Performed	48	121
Field Correction Issued	32	72
Violations Issued	0	0
Violations Outstanding	0	0
Permits Issued	0	0
Requests by Police Dept.	0	0
Requests by Fire Dept.	1	14
Fires Investigated	0	4
Flood Damaged Buildings Inspected	0	34

**Planning Board**

From:	03/1/2013	To:	03/31/2013
Applications Received	0		
Applications Approved	0		
Applications Pending			
Site Plan	5		
Subdivision-Major	1		
Subdivision-Minor	1		
Fees Collected:	\$0.00		
Money in Lieu of Land	\$6,000.00		

**Sewer Department**

March

Overtime Hours	
Sunday	20 hrs.
Monday	4 hrs.
Saturday	9 hrs.
Holidays	6 ½ hrs.
Controlex	4 ½ hrs.

Monthly Flow	
Plant	20,721,300 gallons
Kay Fries	17,955,700 gallons
Fuel Usage	262.9 gallons
Heating Oil	190 gallons
Total to Sludge Compost Facility	45 Cu. Yds.
Solids	20.8%
Screenings	57.99 Cu. Ft.
Septage	2100 Gals.

**Zoning Board Of Appeals**

From:	03/1/2013	To:	03/31/2013
Applications Received			
Area Variance	1		
Applications Closed			
Area Variance	1		
Applications Pending			
Area Variance	1		
Interpretation	1		
Fees Collected:	\$900.00		

**Town Clerk**

**March**

Amount Paid To NYS Agriculture & Markets	
For Spay/Neuter Program	\$ 30.00
Amount Paid To NYS Health Dept. For Marriage Licenses	\$ 22.50
Amount Paid To NYS Dept. Of Environmental Conservation	\$ 773.80
Amount Paid To Supervisor	\$ <u>2,869.69</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT REMITTED	\$ 3,695.99

**CORRESPONDENCE** – None

**PRESENTATION – PROJECT HOPE**

Kevin Donohue, Crisis Counselor explained that Project Hope provides free crisis counseling to those whose lives were impacted by Super Storm Sandy. Staff is available to assist individuals, families, community groups, businesses and service organizations at no charge. Their goal is to assist the community recover from the damages that followed Sandy. For more information please contact Project Hope at the Mental Health Association of Westchester at 914-345-5900 ext. 7543.

**CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING – MASTER PLAN**

There was no public input at this time. The public hearing will remain opened.

Supervisor Finn explained that a workshop meeting was held by the Town Board with our Town Planner on Wednesday, April 3, 2013 with regard to the master plan.

**ACTION**

A motion was made by Supervisor Finn, seconded by Councilwoman Konopko and **unanimously** carried by a voice vote of those board members present to schedule another workshop meeting with regard to the master plan on Monday, April 22, 2013 at 7:30 pm at Rho Building.

**UPDATE & DISCUSSION – HURRICANE SANDY**

Assemblyman Skoufis, Joe Abate (Rockland County Office of Community Development), Matthew Nelson (NYS Office of Community Development), Councilwoman Konopko and Supervisor Finn met today and toured the riverfront area.

Supervisor Finn and Councilwoman Konopko discussed the action plan for the Community Development Block Grant program for disaster recovery and how the state will utilize supplemental Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery

funding for Infrastructure/Public Facility Improvement, Housing and Economic Development from the allocation for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Grantees under the Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act.

They urged anyone who is still in need of assistance, especially with regard to raising their homes, to register at [nysandyhelp.ny.gov](http://nysandyhelp.ny.gov) as the first step toward this proposed assistance.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER**

Councilwoman Konopko introduced Cynthia Branka, Chair of the Newsletter Subcommittee of the Economic Development Committee, who explained the concept of the Newsletter and distributed a sample newsletter to the Board. They are hoping to publish the first issue in June and are looking for sponsors for the \$1,700/\$2,000 per mailing.

#### **HIRE SEASONAL HELP GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE**

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Supervisor Finn and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present to hire John Fratto as a laborer/seasonal for golf course maintenance at \$11.00 per hour.

#### **LEAD AGENCY – SEWER LINE REPAIR/REPLACEMENT**

A motion was made by Supervisor Finn, seconded by Councilman Javenes and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present to declare lead agency status for the repair/replacement of a sewer main at the eastern terminus of Holt Drive.

#### **AWARD BID GOLF COURSE CHEMICALS, PESTICIDES & SEED**

A motion was made by Supervisor Finn, seconded by Councilman McDonnell and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present award the bid for chemicals, pesticides and seed for golf course maintenance as recommended by the Golf Course Superintendent and on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

#### **USE OF COMMUTER LOT – LIONS CLUB**

A motion was made by Councilman Javenes, seconded by Councilman McDonnell and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present to grant permission to the Stony Point Lions Club to use the Route 9W commuter lot for a tag sale on May 18<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of March 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### **USE OF COMMUTER LOT – CUB SCOUT PACK 2017**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Konopko, seconded by Supervisor Finn and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members to grant permission to Cub Scout Pack 2017 to use the Route 9W commuter lot for a tag sale on May 4<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of May 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### **APPOINT ASSESSOR**

A motion was made by Supervisor Finn and seconded by Councilman McDonnell to appoint William Beckmann to the current unexpired term of Assessor for the Town of Stony Point and to a new six-year term as Assessor for the Town of Stony Point, both terms to run consecutively. The salary is set at \$60,000 per year with no health insurance being provided by the Town.

#### **DULY ADOPTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE:**

AYES: Councilman Javenes, Councilman McDonnell, Councilman White, Supervisor Finn

NAYS: Councilwoman Konopko

#### **REVIEW AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL**

Jennifer Sciscente Finance Director presented the Auditor's Report on Internal Control to the Board for their review. No action was taken.

### **HIRE – ACADEMY OF FINANCE INTERN**

A motion was made by Supervisor Finn, seconded by Councilwoman Konopko and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present to approve hiring, at minimum wage, an Academy of Finance Intern from North Rockland High School for six weeks of part-time work during the summer of 2013 to assist in many capacities throughout the Town.

### **HIGHWAY FUNDING**

A motion was made by Supervisor Finn, seconded by Councilwoman Konopko and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present to approve highway funding in the amount of \$108,175 for the following equipment; pickup truck with gas tank (\$33,200), tagalong trailer (\$25,875) and a mason dump with plow (\$49,100).

### **2013 CAPITAL EQUIPMENT BAN**

A motion was made by Supervisor Finn, seconded by Councilman McDonnell and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present to approve a 2013 capital equipment ban in the amount of \$382,456.55 as presented by the Finance Director and on file in the Town Clerk's office.

### **PAVING AND DRAINAGE BAN**

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Supervisor Finn and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present to approve a 2013 ban for drainage work in the amount of \$429,000 for work on Elm Ave., Lake Road and Ayres Road.

### **AUTHORIZE BIDS – DRAINAGE WORK**

A motion was made by Supervisor Finn, seconded by Councilwoman Konopko and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for bids for drainage work on Ayres Road and Lake Road. The specifications for the Lake Road work will be completed shortly.

### **AUTHORIZE \$1,500 FOR ANNUAL COMMUNITY THREE-MILE RUN/WALK**

A motion was made by Supervisor Finn, seconded by Councilwoman Konopko and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present to authorize \$1,500 for the annual community three-mile run/walk on June 2, 2013 at Bowline Park.

### **MEETING CLOSED**

The April 9, 2013 Stony Point Town Board meeting was closed in loving memory of Michael A. Finnerty, father of Michael Finnerty Jr. and husband of Debora Finnerty. Michael Jr. has been a long time employee of our highway department and Debora recently retired from a long career at Stony Point Justice Court.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Supervisor Finn, seconded by Councilman White and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present to adjourn into executive session at 8:44 pm to discuss personnel matters.

### **ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman McDonnell and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present to adjourn the April 9, 2013 Stony Point Town Board meeting at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Skinner, Town Clerk